

REMARKS

Claim 15 is pending in this application. Claims 1-14 and 16-17 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter included therein. In light of the remarks and amendments made herein, Applicant respectfully requests this application pass to allowance.

In the final Official Action, the Examiner allowed claim 15 and rejected all other pending claims. By this amendment, Applicant has canceled all finally rejected claims. As the pending claim has been allowed, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is now in proper form for allowance.

As this amendment places this application in proper form for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests proper entry and consideration thereof.

Conclusion

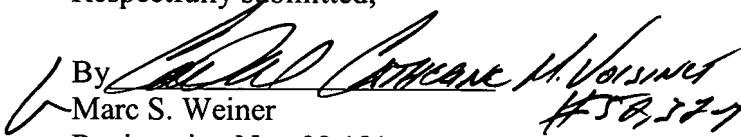
In view of the above remarks, it is believed that claims are allowable.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisinet Reg. No. 52,327 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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